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Applicant: Walters Jr.
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

Sub. B 1. (Thrice amended) An easy open, reusable, removable closure apparatus for a container having a terminal end with an orifice and a radially outwardly extending bead having an outer surface and a radially outwardly extending undercut, the closure apparatus comprising:

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a cap portion having a top, a peripherally depending side wall comprising an inner surface that conforms to said bead outer surface and a radially inwardly extending peripheral lip that engages said bead undercut sealably securing said closure to said container, wherein a material housed by said container is secured in said container by said cap portion; and

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C1 a handle depending from said cap portion.

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

Sub. D1 > 13. (Thrice amended) A method of opening a container using the easy open, reusable, removable closure apparatus for a container having a terminal end with an orifice and a radially outwardly extending bead having an outer surface and a radially outwardly extending undercut, the closure apparatus comprising:

a cap portion having a top, a peripherally depending side wall having a radially inwardly extending peripheral lip that engages said bead undercut sealably securing said closure to said container, wherein a material housed by said container is secured in said container by said cap portion; and

a handle depending from said cap portion, said handle further comprising an upper portion, a lower portion, and a fulcrum portion there between said upper and lower portions; the method comprising the steps of:

C2 holding said container and the lower handle portion of said handle with at least one hand; and

depressing said lower handle portion toward said container until said peripheral lip disengages said bead undercut.

(Please amend claim 14 as follows:)

14. (Thrice amended) A method of reusing the easy open, reusable, removable closure apparatus for a container having a terminal end with an orifice and a radially outwardly extending bead having an outer surface and a radially outwardly extending undercut, the closure apparatus comprising: